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Challan of blueline buses in Delhi

950. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether every Blueline bus in Delhi was challaned for twenty times or more during 2006 for offences like rash driving, over-speeding etc. and the high rate of prosecution has failed to check the drivers from mending their ways; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not reining in these speed devils and not cancelling their permits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Delhi Police has informed that prosecution statistics show that Blueline buses violate traffic rules and regulations frequently in NCT of Delhi. However, data regarding the challaning of every Blueline bus twenty times or more during 2006 is not available. Steps taken by Delhi Police in this regard include prosecution of Blueline bus drivers involved in violation of traffic rules and regulation; training of bus drivers etc., enforcement of traffic rules vigorously; concerted action against reckless driving, red light jumping, over speeding etc.; cancellation of permits; mobile patrolling and group checking; prosecution of traffic violators through Inceptors and speed Check Cameras. The State Transport Authority, Government of NCT had attached a new condition to the permit of transport vehicles according to which, if any transport vehicle is involved in two fatal accidents in its lifetime, the permit of the same will be liable to be cancelled. One such permit reported by Delhi Police has been cancelled by the State Transport Authority

Strengthening of Indo-Bangla border

951. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladesh border is being freely used by the militants; and

(b) what is the action plan of Government to strengthen this porous border to control entry of illegal migration and smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The following steps are being taken to control entry of illegal migration and smuggling:

- (i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by carrying patrolling; laying nakas (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts. Riverine segments of international Border are being dominated by deploying water craft of BSF water wing;
- (ii) Conduct of special operations;
- (iii) Upgradation of BSF Intelligence set up;
- (iv) Introduction of modern and high tech-Surveillance equipments;
- (v) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/ambush duties from Battalion Head Quarters;
- (vi) Construction of fence; 2370 km of fence has been constructed till 31st January, 2007, out of 3286 km sanctioned.

Terrorists arrested in the country

952. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of terrorist caught/arrested in Delhi and other parts of the country during the last one year, month-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that to enter the Indian soil, such terrorists reach the capital of the country easily and no-where else along with arms, ammunition, RDX and other dangerous items;
- (c) if so, the quantity of arms, ammunitions, RDX and other dangerous items caught and the action taken against them, till now; and
- (d) what type of training shall be imparted to the State Police to catch such terrorists in the concerned States and when?